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Our Case No. 7103/205

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

I.i et al.

Serial No. 09/938,056

) Examiner: George Nguyen

Filing Date: August 23, 2001

) Group Art Unit No.: 3723

For MULTI-STEP POLISHING SYSTEM
 AND PROCESS OF USING SAME

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated May 28, 2003, Applicants have filed this Amendment by Certificate of Mailing. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the objections and rejections to this application and to grant allowance of this Application in view of the following remarks and amended claims:

| TRANSMITTAL LETTER | | | Case No. |
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| Inventor(s) Li et al. | | | |
| Title of Invention MULTI-STEP POLISHING SYSTEM AND PROCESS OF USING SAME | | | |

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal: Amendment.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Petition for a _____ month extension of time.

No additional fee is required.

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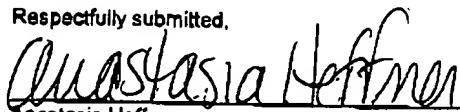
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I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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